

The Tragidie of Richard the Third.

If euer he haue wife let her be mad,  
As miserably by the death of him,  
As I am made by my poore Lord and thee.  
Come now towards Chertsey with your holy load  
Taken from Paules to be interred there:  
And still as you are weary of the waight,  
Rest you whiles I lament King Henries coarse.

Enter Gloster.

Glo. Stay you that beate the coarse, and set it downe,  
La. What blacke Magitian, coniures vp this fiend  
To stop deuoted charitable deeds?

Glo. Villaine, set downe the coarse or by Saint Paul,  
Ile make a coarse of him that disobeyes?

Gen. Stand backe and Let the coffin passe,  
Glo. Vnmanner'd dog, stand thou when I command,  
Aduance thy halbert higher then my brest,  
Or by Saint Paul ile strike thee to my foote,  
And spurne vpon thee begger for thy boldnes.

La. What do you tremble, are you all affraid?  
Alas, I blame you not for you are mortall,  
And mortall eyes cannot endure the Diuell.  
Avant thou fearefull minister of hell,  
Thou hadst but power ouer his mortall body,  
His soule thou canst not haue therefore be gone,

Glo. Sweet Saint for charity, bee not so curst.

La. Foule diuell, for Gods sake hence and trouble vs not,  
For thou hast made the happy earth thy hell:  
Fil'd it with cursing cries and deepe exclaims,  
If thou delight to vew thy hanious deeds,  
Behold this patterne of thy butcheries.  
Oh Gentlemen see, see dead henries wounds,  
Open their congeal'd mouths and bleed afresh,  
Blush, blush, thou lumpe of foule deformity,  
For tis thy presence that exhals this blood,  
From cold and emprie veynes where no bloud dwells,  
Thy deed inhumane and vnnaturall,  
Prouokes this deluge most vnnaturally,  
Oh Ood, which this bloud mad'st, reuenge his death:  
Oh earth which this bloud drink'st, reuenge his death:  
Either heauen with lightning strike the murtherer dead,

of Richard the Third.

Or earl a gape open wide, and eate him quicke,  
As thou didst swallow vp this good Kings bloud,  
Which his Hell-gouernd arme hath butchered.

Glo. Lady, you know no rule of charity,  
Which render good for bad, blessings for curses,

La. Villanne, thou knowst no law of God, nor man:  
No beast so fierce, but knowes some touch of pittie,

Glo. But I know none, and therefore am no beast.

La. Oh wonderfull when devils tell the truth,

Glo. More wonderfull when Angels are so angry,  
Vouchsafe deuine perfection of a woman,  
Of these supposed euils to giue me leauue,  
By circumstance but to acquit my selfe.

La. vouchsafe defused infestation of a man,  
For these knowne euils but to giue me leauue,  
By circumstance to curse thy cursed selfe.

Glo. Fairer then tongue can name thee, let me haue  
Some patient leasure to excuse my selfe.

La. Fouler then heart can thinke thee, thou canst make  
No excuse currant, but to hang thy selfe.

Glo. By such dispaire I should accuse my selfe.

La. And by dispairing shouldest thou stand excuside,  
For doing worthy vengeance on thy selfe,  
Which didst, vnworthy slaughter vpon others.

Glo. Say that I slew them not,

La. Why then they are not dead,  
But dead they are and diuelish slaye by thee.

Glo. I did not kill your husband,

La. Why then he is alive.

Glo. Nay he is dead and slaine by Edwards hand.

La. In thy soule throat thou liest. Queene Margaret saw  
Thy bloody faulchion smooking in his bloud,  
The which thou once diest bend agaist her brest,  
But that my brother beat asside the peynnt.

Glo. I was prouoked by her slanderous tongue  
Which laid her guilt vpon my guiltlesse shoulders.

La. Thou wast prouoked by thy bloody minde,  
Which never dreant on ought: but butcheryes:

Didst thou not kill this King?

Glo. I grant yee

La.